

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003. New claims 11-19 have been added. Claim 9 has been canceled. Thus, claims 1-6 and 10-19 are now pending. All previously made arguments with respect to claim 1 are hereby expressly withdrawn in view of the changes to claim 1 made herein.

Allowable Subject Matter (now in claims 1-6 and 10-12)

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 6 and 10.

Applicant further notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that the subject matter of claim 9 was allowable. Allowable claim 9 has been added to claim 1 (with certain subject matter removed from claim 1); so that claims 1-5 and 11-12 are now in condition for allowance since they include the subject matter of allowable claim 9.

Claim 13

New claim 13 requires "a polymer inclusive substrate, the polymer inclusive substrate including an interior surface to be closest to a vehicle window and an exterior surface to be further from the window than is the interior surface; a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of the vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window; wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion

and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween; and wherein said substrate includes a *projection* extending from the exterior surface of the substrate, said *projection being approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate and for supporting a seal.*" For example, and without limitation, see Figs. 2-6 of the instant application which illustrate that the substrate 21 and thermoplastic elastomer portion 23 are bonded together at least on part of said interior surface of the substrate which is to be closest to the vehicle window. For example, in Figs. 4 and 6 legs 38 of the elastomer portion 23 are bonded to the interior surface of substrate 21; and in Figs. 2-3 and 5 half of attachment portion 23a is bonded to the interior surface of substrate 21. Moreover, Figs. 2-6 illustrate an example projection 21b extending approximately perpendicular from the exterior surface of the substrate.

The cited art (i.e., Kelly) fails to disclose or suggest the aforesaid underlined portions of claim 13. In particular, no portion of Kelly's flexible lip 34 is bonded to the "interior" surface of the alleged substrate 32. Moreover, substrate 32 does not have a "projection" extending from the "exterior" surface of the substrate wherein the projection is approximately perpendicular to a base portion of the substrate. Kelly is entirely unrelated to the invention of new claim 13 in each of these two (2) respects.

Claims 16-19

It is also respectfully submitted that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest the subject matter required by each of claims 16-19.

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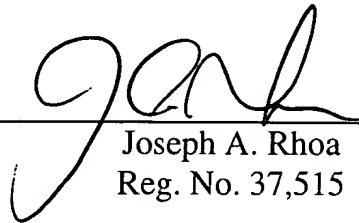
Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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